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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 2115

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES - SINGAPORE SITREP

REF: SINGAPOEE 2040

1. AS EXPECTED, A FEW MORE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE CONTINUED TO ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE SINCE THE MAJOR EXODUS OF OVER 7,800 WHICH DEPARTED SINGAPORE DURING THE PERIOD MAY 2-13 FOR SUBIC AND GUAM. ACCORDING TO DAO FIGURES OBTAINED FROM GOS OFFICIAL SOURCE THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 277 REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE AS OF 1600 MAY 19. ALL OF THESE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO GO ASHORE AT ST. JOHN'S ISLAND WHERE THERE ARE EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR PROVIDING THEM WITH TEMPORARY CARE AND SHELTER. NO CONFIDENTIAL

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REFUGEES HAVE DEPARTED SINGAPORE SINCE MAY 13.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER INTERVIEWED SEVERAL REFUGEES AMONG GROUP OF 45 ON BOARD ONE FISHING BOAT, INCLUDING

NGUYEN VAN KIM WHO CLAIMS TO BE FORMER MEMBER RVN PARLIAMENT. KIM CLAIMS THAT HIS NAME WAS INCLUDED ON HIGH RISK EVACUEE LIST BY DEAN PAWSON OF EMBASSY SAIGON. GROUP OF 45 ALSO INCLUDES CATHOLIC PRIEST AND DOCTOR. ALL WANT TO ENTER THE U.S. BUT NONE APPEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENCE STATUS AS RELATIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS.

3. UNHCR REP KADRY AND ASSISTANTS CALLED ON DCM MAY 19 AND EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE MEETING LATER SAME DAY WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER GOH TO SUBMIT UNHCR PROPOSALS CONCERNING REFUGEES. KADRY SAID UNHCR (A) WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES "WITHIN THE RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE TO US," AND (B) WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO RESETTLE REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES AS WELL AS SINGAPORE. KADRY SAID GOS HAD AGREED ON MAY 14 OR 15 TO ALLOW REFUGEES ASHORE ON ST. JOHN'S ISLAND. WHEN DCM ASKED IF UNHCR INTENDED TO GIVE GOS FIRM GUARANTEE TO RESETTLE ALL REFUGEES, KADRY WAS

SOMEWHAT EVASIVE. HE INDICATED HE OR ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES WOULD ADVISE US OF THE RESULTS OF HIS CONVERSATIOF WITH GOS.

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